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HAD HARD PASSAGES.

Three More Herring Cargoes Arrive in Port.

Sch. Kentucky Brake Booms and Lost Part of Deckload.

Schs. Kentucky, Bohemia and Dictator have arrived from Bay of Islands, N. F., since last report, with fares of frozen and salt herring. The two first named made in during the afternoon and sch. Dictator reached port last evening just before the big gale set in.

The skippers of all three vessels report very hard and stormy passages from Bay of Islands, encountering a succession of gales. Schs. Dictator and Bohemia met with no damage, but sch. Kentucky was not so fortunate, being struck by a bad sea while riding out the recent gale off here, which broke her foreboom, jumbo boom and swept away part of the deckload, 90 barrels of salt herring.

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To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Elizabeth N., Bay of Islands, N. F., 1050 bbls. frozen herring, 70 bb's. salt herring.
British sch. Aldine, Green Bay, N. F., 500 bbls. frozen herring, 458 bbls. salt herring.
Sch. Faustina, Bay of Islands, N. F., 500 bbls. frozen herring, 690 bbls. salt herring.
Sch. Cavalier, Bay of Islands, N. F., 1000 bbls. frozen herring, 150 bbls. salt herring.
Sch. Aloha, Bay of Islands, N. F., 1137 bbls. frozen herring, 223 bbls. salt herring.
Sch. James S. Steele, shore.
Sch. Lucania, via Boston.
Sch. Rob Roy, via Boston.
Sch. Richard Wainwright, via Boston.

Today's Fish Market.

Board of Trade prices for salt and fresh fish:

Salt fish, handline Georges cod, \$4.90 per cwt. for large, \$4.00 for medium; trawl Georges cod, \$4.25 for large, \$3.25 for medium; trawl Bank cod, \$4.00 for large, \$3.50 for medium; hake, \$1.25; pollock, \$1.25; haddock, \$1.75; large cusk, \$2.50.

Fresh fish, large cod, \$2.15; medium cod, \$1.75; all cod caught to the eastward of La-Have bank, \$2.15, medium \$1.75; cusk, \$1.50; Eastern haddock, \$1; Western haddock, \$1.15; hake, 90 cts.; Eastern hake, 90 cts.; Western hake, 95 cts.; pollock, 70c; snap per codfish, 60 cts.; snapper cusk, 40 cts.

Outside sales salt Georges cod, \$5.50 per cwt. for large and \$5.00 for mediums.
Outside sales fresh hake, \$1.00.

Bank halibut, 14 cts. per lb. for white and 10 cts. per lb. for gray.

Boston.

Sch. Kernwood, 6000 haddock, 1000 cod, 4000 hake, 2000 cusk, 500 pollock.
Sch. Matchless, 40,000 haddock.
Sch. Benj. F. Phillips, 87,000 haddock.
Sch. Mina C. Swim, 28,000 haddock, 2000 cod.
Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, 30,000 haddock, 9000 hake.
Sch. Flora L. Nickerson, 65,000 haddock, 500 cod.
Sch. Mary Silveria, 25,000 haddock, 2000 cod.
Sch. Metamora, 13,000 haddock, 9000 cod, 11,000 hake, 13,000 cusk.
Sch. Regina, 50,000 haddock, 16,000 cod.
Sch. Margaret.
Haddock, \$2.25 to \$3; large cod, \$2 to \$5; market cod, \$2 to \$3; hake, \$2.50; pollock, \$2; cusk, \$2.

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MAINMAST CRACKED.

But Sch. Lucania Did Some Extra Fast Sailing.

Came 107 Miles in Seven Hours in Northeaster.

Capt. Martin Welch and crew of the crack fishing sch. Lucania of this port, which arrived at Boston on Friday, believe their vessel should be reckoned in the swiftest class of fishermen, much after her namesake of the Cunard line, according to her performance on this last trip of 400 miles from the Cape shore with a fare of 60,000 pounds haddock, 11,000 cod, 5000 hake and 2000 pollock, for which the vessel stocked some \$2500.

It was a rough trip home, and during a stiff northeaster she covered 100 miles in the remarkable time of seven hours, which is practically steamship time, being an average of above 14 miles an hour.

It was great sailing, and during the stiff northeaster last Monday, when the Lucania was cutting through the water at racehorse speed under a "scupper breeze," the crew were somewhat alarmed by a sound aloft like the report of a cannon before the siege of Port Arthur.

Upon an investigation taking place it was found that the mainmast had cracked some ten feet below the hounds of the mast. The Lucania is a stiff vessel, in the newest class of fishermen and was fitted with costly Oregon spars. After she unloaded her fare she was towed to this port where she will be fitted with a new spar of the same kind.

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Sch. Monitor, of Provincetown, Bay of Islands, N. F., via Provincetown, 1200 bbls. frozen herring.
Sch. Mary E. Silveria, shore.
Sch. Maud F. Silva, shore.
Sch. Ralph Russell shore.
Sch. Mildred Robinson, shore.
Sch. Valentina, Ipswich Bay.
Sch. Massasoit, shore.
Sch. Etta Mildred, shore.
Sch. Dorothy, shore.
Sch. Mary Edith, shore.
Sch. Rita A. Viator, shore.
Sch. Henrietta G. Martin, shore.

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Boston.

Sch. Mary A. Gleason, 6000 haddock, 3000 hake.
Sch. Two Forty, 2000 haddock.
Sch. Evelyn L. Smith.
Haddock, \$2.35 to \$2.75; cod, \$5; hake, \$3; pollock, \$3.50.

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Herring Notes.

Sch. Avalon arrived at Philadelphia yesterday to take out her fare of frozen herring.

Sch. Senator Gardner sailed for New York yesterday to take out her cargo of frozen herring.

Herring are going fast in Boston, the trade being good.

Sch. Arkona is on the way home from Bay of Islands with a full cargo of frozen herring.

CLAIM IT SCARES FITH.

Buzzard Bay Fishermen Want Big Gun Practice Stopped.

Will Petition Secretary of Navy to That Effect.

Target practice by the battleships and cruisers of the United States navy has, in the opinion of the fishermen along the shores of Buzzard's Bay, Vineyard Sound and on Nantucket, driven the mackerel, bluefish and other tribes of the sea away from their favorite haunts and feeding grounds, south and east of Gay Head. Petitions to the secretary of the navy are being circulated along those shores and in Rhode Island, respectfully asking that the ships do their target practice in some other locality.

The petitions are being signed by those who fish as an occupation, by pleasure fishermen and by those who in a measure depend upon it as an attraction for summer visitors.

The fishermen claim, and the records kept at the receiving stations along the sound shore verify their contention, that in the years of 1908 and 1904 the catch of mackerel and other food fish in this section has been smaller each year and far below the average for many years previous.

These fishing grounds have always been considered among the best along the entire Atlantic coast for mackerel and other food fish, and the fishermen, until the last two years, have been able to gather a rich harvest there every season.

In the years 1903 and 1904 the battleships and cruisers of the navy engaged in target practice in the vicinity of the fishing grounds, and the falling off in the catch of fish was noticeable all along the sound shores.

The fishermen claim that the schools of fish, on their way up along the coast to the spawning grounds in the sounds and bays and inlets adjacent to the sound, were frightened by the firing of the guns of the warships, and instead of following their accustomed channels to the feeding and spawning grounds turned offshore to others, causing serious deprivation among fishermen. The petitions ask that if the secretary deem the request feasible, it be arranged so that the target practice may be held earlier in the year and not continue after July 1.

The petitioners request a hearing, to be held either in Bristol or in Barnstable county.

The nearer the fishermen got to the battleships the less fish were caught, and before

the time for the season to close not a trace of the schools of mackerel could be found, while the big schools of bluefish that used to be found along the sound shore and off Nantucket had been missing for weeks in advance of the regular time for them to disappear.

From what our seining skippers said last season, they are of the same mind as the Buzzard's Bay fishermen and no doubt one of those petitions could be well filled here among tee master mariners and fishermen, who have all along claimed that the big gun practice of the war vessels off there was responsible for the disappearance of mackerel schools in those waters, while the gunning was going on.